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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 29, line 24 as follows:

Reference is now made to Figure 15, which is an illustration in perspective of a color illumination unit, generally referenced 670, constructed and operative in accordance with a further preferred embodiment of the present invention. Unit 670 includes a light dispersing unit 671, which is generally shaped as an open-cut hollow cone, having a narrow section 674 and a wide section 672. A detection head according to the invention, such as described in Figure 2 (referenced 202), can be placed within the hollow space of the light-guiding element 671. A multi-color light source 680 can be connected to the narrow section 674. Light, such as light ray 678, which is emitted from the light source 680, is directed via the light guiding element 671, and is projected through the wide section 672.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 13 as follows: